

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 704 – SB 906

March 4, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Decreases by two days, the period in which early voting is authorized. Authorizes the voter registration applications to be accepted and processed through the next business day before an election when the thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Removes time requirement for supplemental registrations at a high school. Authorizes certain criteria to apply to early voting places at certain Election Day polling places. Requires certain petitions to be filed 90 days prior to an election. Authorizes a voter who has a transportation worker identification credential, or the spouse of a holder of a commercial driver license, to vote absentee using their residential address, provided that such voter will be working outside of the county or state where the voter is registered during early voting and on Election Day. Deletes signature requirement of emergency ballot. Deletes signature requirement for an electronic poll book without a printer. Authorizes counties to establish a centralized provisional ballot location. Specifies that the campaign financial disclosure act does not apply to service that is part time and which the compensation is less than \$1,000 per month. Deletes the requirement that the authority issuing a certificate of voting rights restoration send a copy to the coordinator of elections.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Expenditures –

\$244,400/FY13-14 and every four years thereafter

\$488,800/FY14-15 and every two years thereafter

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003981): Deletes sections 2, 9, and 12 of the original bill. Deletes section authorizing voter registration applications to be accepted and processed through the next business day before an election when the thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Deletes section that decreases by two days, the time period in which early voting is authorized. Deletes section that authorizes counties to establish a centralized provisional ballot location.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Deleting the provision that decreases the number of days authorized for early voting will eliminate the decrease in local expenditures estimated for the original bill.
- Based on information provided by the Division of Elections, any impact from the remaining sections of the bill as amended will not have a significant fiscal impact on the state or county election commissions.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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